

# The Gospel in the Old Testament

## Summer, 2007

- ▶ “Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.” (Mark 16:15)
- ▶ Is the Gospel in the Old Testament?
- ▶ The Old Testament gives the foundation for the Gospel.
- ▶ An inspired precedent
  - John 5:39
  - Luke 24:13-26, 44-47
  - Acts 17:2-3, 11
- ▶ The Gospel in the Old Testament
- ▶ The Creator of Heaven and Earth – Lesson 1 (Genesis 1)
  - John 17:3
  - Psalm 19:1

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- 1: The Creator of Heaven and Earth – Genesis 1
- 2: You Shall Surely Die! – Genesis 2-3
- 3: Grace in the Eyes of the LORD – Genesis 6-8
- 4: The Gospel Preached to Abraham – Genesis 12:1-9; 15:1-21; Gal. 3:8
- 5: The LORD Will Provide – Genesis 22
- 6: Jacob and Esau – Genesis 25:20-34; 27:1-40
- 7: The Passover Lamb – Exodus 11-12
- 8: The Old Covenant – Exodus 19, 24
- 9: A King and a Kingdom – 2 Samuel 7
- 10: An Offering for Sin – Isaiah 52:13-53:12
- 11: The New Covenant – Jeremiah 31
- 12: The Valley of Dry Bones – Ezekiel 36:22-37:14
- 13: The Just Shall Live by Faith – Habakkuk 1-3

## The Creator of Heaven and Earth

In the beginning, God . . .

- The assumption of Deity (1:1)
- Common knowledge for all mankind (cf. Rom. 1:19-20)
- The first point of faith – Hebrews 11:6

In the beginning, God created . . .

- God created the heavens and the earth
- God and the “laws of nature”
- Proverbs 25:2
- Daniel 4:34-35

The power of God’s Word

- “And God said” (Hebrews 11:3; Romans 4:17)
- Applications:
  - ▶ At the end of the age:
    - 2 Thess. 2:8 – “kill with the breath of His mouth”
    - Rev. 19:15 – from his mouth, a sharp sword strikes
    - Psalm 33:6-10 – fear the LORD
  - ▶ At the time of salvation:
    - 2 Corinthians 4:6.
    - 2 Corinthians 5:17

<b>The pattern of creation (Kidner)</b>			
<b>Without form</b>		<b>Void</b>	
Day 1:	day & night	Day 4:	lights of day and night
Day 2:	sea & sky	Day 5:	creatures of water & sky
Day 3:	fertile earth	Day 6:	creatures of the land

# The Six Days of Creation

## Day 1

The heavens and the earth

Light

Day and night

## Day 2

Firmament – expanse (ESV)

Atmosphere

## Day 3

Land and sea

Vegetation

A strange eco-system

## Day 4

Sun, moon, stars

Signs and seasons

## Day 5

Creatures of water and air

## Day 6

Creatures of the land

Man

## **An unscientific account**

- ▶ Earth first
- ▶ Light before heavenly bodies
- ▶ Day and night before sun and moon
- ▶ Atmosphere before land and plants
- ▶ Plants before the sun
- ▶ Late appearance of sun, moon and stars
- ▶ Distinct creation of plants, animals and man
- ▶ No death – no carnivores

## **A magnificent God**

## **The creation of man**

- ▶ Special deliberation in the Godhead
- ▶ The image of God
- ▶ The divine obligation
- ▶ Psalm 8

## **A very good Creation**

- ▶ Not a work in progress
- ▶ No defects
- ▶ A sufficient display of God
- ▶ Nothing lacking

# The Creator of Heaven and Earth

## The greatness of God

- ▶ The aseity of God
- ▶ Possessor of heaven and earth
- ▶ The pleasure of God

## The dependence of man

- ▶ Job 38:1-4f
- ▶ Job 40:4-5; 42:1-6

## The duty of man

- ▶ Worship
  - Psalm 104
  - 1 Chron. 16:23-26
  - Revelation 4:11
- ▶ Fear God
  - Ecclesiastes 12:1, 13
  - Romans 1:18f

## The foundation of redemption

- ▶ Isaiah 40:25-31
- ▶ Isaiah 42:5
- ▶ Isaiah 44:23-28
- ▶ Isaiah 45:9-13; 18